

For Immediate Release October 27, 2010 Carthage, NC. The Moore County Public Utilities department recently completed the Water Shortage Response Plan for the County owned water systems. This plan will allow droughts of any duration and severity to be managed appropriately and proportionately. One extremely important aspect of the County's system is the wide variety of water sources the County has developed. This allows the County to temporarily replace a shortage from one source with water from another. Specifically, when the water flow in Drowning creek recently dropped to a point where Southern Pines asked for mandatory conservation, additional water from Harnett County was transferred. Some wells operated a few additional hours each day to replace the water reduced in the Southern Pines connection. By doing this, the County continued to maintain the normal level of its customers' water needs until restrictions from Southern Pines were lifted.

If another extreme drought occurs, as in 2002 and 2008, mandatory conservation could be required. To reduce the probability, the County has developed multiple water services. This provides the County an excellent position to manage drought issues in advance.

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